

**REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
April 10, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Roll Call and Call to Order – Chairperson Boivin called meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Kathy Kaquatosh, Sabrina Koon and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Washinawatok, Jeremy Weso and Ben Kaquatosh (all excused)

2. Moment of Silence –

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes date March 13, 2008.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to approve the minutes dated March 13, 2008. Second was made by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

4. Discussion/Action Research projects –

The committee discussed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) which the College of the Menominee Nation has that is related to research projects. There is some confusion to what a person has to do in order to start a research project. The committee would like the Language and Culture commission and the Menominee Legislature to have one system to follow in order for a person to start a research project. There was discussion on exactly what the committee would like in the motion to the Legislature. Chairperson Boivin also suggested that Rebecca Loudbear prepare a checklist that the Legislature will follow in order to review any proposed research projects.

Motion made by Sabrina Koon to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Language and Culture Commission include the following items in their revisions of Ordinance 96-22 Menominee Nation Language and Culture Code, Section 121 External Research and studies require Menominee Governmental approval:

- 1.) That the Language and Culture Commission use a checklist for review of research proposals to ensure full compliance with Ordinance 96-22 Menominee Nation Language and Culture Code, Section 121 and other applicable law, and that other Tribal and cultural considerations are protected.**
- 2.) That the Language and Culture Commission may refer any research proposals to the College of the Menominee Nation Institutional Review Board.**
- 3.) That the Language and Culture Commission may allow research proposals associated with a University to utilize their own Institutional Review Board and**

process in lieu of a referral to the College of the Menominee Nation Institutional Review Board.

Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

Motion made by Susan Waukau to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the research approval checklist. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

5. Discussion/Action Elder's Council/Commission On Aging-

There was a motion that came forward from the General Council meeting to reinstate the Elder's council as a standing committee. Chairman Waukau wanted the committee to take a look at Commission on Aging and what their role is regarding the elder's, so that there was no duplication if there were to be an Elder's council started. The missing element is that the Commission on Aging is not on the 95-04 Tribal Government plan flow chart.

Motion made by Sabrina Koon to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Commission on Aging be added to the 95-04 Tribal Government Plan committee flow chart as a non-tribal department under the Health and Family. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 2-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Waukau)-employment, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

6. Ordinance 82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference –

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table the Ordinance 82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference. Second was made by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

7. Monthly reports –

Some of the committee members wanted to know what departments are required to send monthly reports to the committee. The committee had the flow chart present and was able to see who exactly is to report to the committee.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the IT, Maintenance, Menominee News and Property Management & Acquisition departments monthly reports. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Washinawatok, Weso, Kaquatosh).

8. Other Business –

Kathy Kaquatosh had a question on an issue that was brought to the committee by Menominee Tribal News about an internal policy. The committee had decided that they would not review it and Menominee Tribal News would have to establish that with their ASO. Kathy had said that at one time there was a wage assignment policy and there was a challenge on it by an employee, so because of that issue now it left the wage assignment policy open. Now the reports up in payroll show that there are over 130 payroll deductions. Kathy wants to have the payroll deduction be Tribal departments only. If the wage assignment policy never needed to be approved by committee or the Menominee Tribal Legislature then it is up to the Finance director to make any changes.

9. Adjournment –

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh/Sabrina Koon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Caldwell Recorder/Transcriber
Chairman's Office